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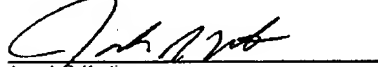
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takaaki ASADA

Serial No.: 09/421,434

Filed: October 19, 1999

Title: METHOD FOR SCREENING
PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSFORMER
APPARATUS

Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: D. Tugbang

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination on June 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 14 with the following claims:

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1. A method for manufacturing and screening a piezoelectric transformer apparatus including a piezoelectric member having an actuator and a generator provided in the piezoelectric member, the method comprising the steps of:
beginning manufacturing of the piezoelectric transformer apparatus including the